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**THE CATTLE PLAGUE.**  
 While the significance of the progressive increase of deaths from bovine typhus which has been noted during the last month may be easily exaggerated, and while there is no reason to apprehend any really heavy mortality in the future, we must warn our readers not to entertain too sanguine hopes of an early and complete disappearance of the epidemic. It is probable that unfavourable climatic conditions, want of sun, rain, weather, etc., are to a large degree responsible for this increase, but not a few men who are qualified to advance their opinions of the subject are inclined to consider it probable that the cattle plague will continue with us for another two years, though the inoculation of surviving animals and other measures taken by the Sanitary Department, coupled with the fact that a disease exhausts itself, i.e., becomes in popular parlance "worked out," will prevent any mortality on a large scale in the future.

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**PROPOSED SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.**  
 While we hope that the correspondence in our columns which has followed the recent lamentable death of a young Englishman in the Deaconesses' Hospital will be productive of some result, and that the establishment of an isolated small-pox hospital for the treatment of Europeans who may be attacked by that terrible disease is a thing of the near future, we also sincerely trust that the occasion may not be made the opportunity for an attack on the excellent institution at which the death of Youshahi Armstrong took place. Englishmen should be thankful that such an institution as the Deaconesses' Hospital exists in Alexandria. We know of a case—a surgical one—treated there last year with the utmost

**PHARMACY REGULATIONS.**  
 The pharmacists of Alexandria and Cairo are still in debate re the new regulations, and we understand that a certain proportion of them are inclined to submit as gracefully as possible to the obnoxious second article. With reference to this article, we quite understand the feelings of the pharmacists and the public who prefer the proprietor of a pharmacy to be a qualified chemist, but are not they reckoning without their host in assuming that a modification of the regulations in that sense would command the unqualified assent of the Powers? If our memory does not fail us, a proposal similar to that now made by the pharmacists led to some of the last Pharmacy Regulations issued by the Government, in fact formed part of the law on the subject, but these were never applied owing to the obstructive action of certain Powers under the Capitulations.  
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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

PORT ARTHUR

LIAO-TSHAN PROMONTORY.

ATTEMPTED ISOLATION

LONDON, December 26.

The latest Japanese successes at Port Arthur indicate that the Japanese are endeavouring to isolate the Liao-tshan promontory. (Reuter.)

TOKIO, December 26.

The S.S. "Manshu Maru" left for Port Arthur with 10 foreign attachés, representatives of the Diet, and press representatives on board. (Reuter.)

TOKIO A MILITARY CAMP.

ENORMOUS MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

TOKIO, December 26.

Tokio is again a great military camp, repeating the scenes of last Spring. Thousands of recruits and reservists have assembled, and are being drilled and equipped preparatory to taking the field. The barracks are full, and soldiers are billeted throughout the city.

The general military preparations are enormous. It is proposed to give Oyama, roughly speaking, half a million men, together with a heavy increase in his artillery, besides providing for the defence of Formosa and the Southern Islands. The latter is in anticipation of the Baltic Fleet attempting to seize a base. (Reuter.)

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONARY RIOTS.

TROOPS FIRED ON.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 26.

During a revolutionary demonstration yesterday at Radom (Poland), where mobilisation is proceeding, the demonstrators fired upon the troops. The colonel and one demonstrator were killed. (Reuter.)

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

PARIS, December 26.

The eventuality of a naval demonstration and the seizure of the Customs of Morocco has been under consideration by the Government in the event of the Sultan not giving satisfaction. (Havas.)

NEW GREEK CABINET.

ATHENS, December 26.

M. Delyannis will form the Cabinet. The Chamber of Deputies will be dissolved. (Havas.)

PARIS RAILWAY COLLISION.

PARIS, December 26.

Thirteen persons were killed and 32 injured in the recent collision here. (Reuter.)

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Prince Aziz Bey Hassan is expected to arrive at Suez on the 12th prox. from Yokohama, Singapore, and Colombo. His Highness will have then completed the tour round the world which he undertook for the benefit of his health. Prince Aziz, it will be remembered, left Genoa for America on September 22, so will have completed his tour in 3½ months.

Sir Howard Vincent, M.P., has left Grosvenor-square for Paris, en route to Khartoum, and will return at the end of January.

Mrs. McCalmont and a party of friends, including Sir Maurice FitzGerald, Colonel Grieron, Mrs. Legge, Mr. Hogo De Bathe and one or two others, leave England for Egypt about January 4, and expect to be away till March. They will go as far as Khartoum.

Lord and Lady Craven are also coming to Egypt this winter, and they start very shortly. They do not return till March or April.

The latest arrivals at Sheppard's include: Col. Sir H.H. Oldham, Sir L. Russell and family, Mr. Morecomb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cowperthwaite, Mr. Stanley Shaw-Bond, Prof. and Mrs. Dr. V. Goldschmidt, Dr. H. von Portheim, Mr. and Mrs. R. Glen, Mr. W. H. Warren, Mr. J.G. Sheridan, Capt. Heley, Mr. Em. Zervudachi, etc.

The following passengers left Cairo for the Nile trip by the "Amenartas" yesterday: Mrs. J.M. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. Hitzig, Mrs. Haines, Miss Bellin, Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. W. F. Anderson, Miss Holberton, Miss Hawkins, Miss L. Hawkins, Miss A. W. Ferguson, Miss Campbell Hamilton.

The following passengers left by the "Rameses III." to-day: Mrs. G. R. Clark, Mrs. Waring, Miss Singlehurst, Mr. T. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Foster, Miss Edna and Miss Helen Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dringebier, Miss Umpleby, Mr. Stanley Shaw Bond, Baroness Wolfersdorf, Mrs. von Dalmata, Mr. and Mrs. Henric Palmie, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. van Eggen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gressmann.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

REVIEW.—The Khedive will hold a review of the Egyptian troops in the Capital on Accession Day.

STRAY AND OWNERLESS DOGS found in the Esbekieh quarter of Cairo to-morrow morning will be poisoned by the police.

CONCERT.—To-morrow (Wednesday) a concert will be given by the full Tsigane Band at Sheppard's from 9 to 11 p.m.

SHARAKI LAND.—The final estimate of this year's sharaki land puts it at about 70,000 feddans, involving a reduction of taxation of L.E. 42,000.

ZIZANIA THEATRE.—Madama Butterfly was produced at this theatre last night and met with the same success as on the previous production.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS.—M. Maspero has been chosen to represent the Government at the Archaeological Congress which will be held at Athens next month.

GHEZIREH PALACE.—The first small dance at Ghezireh Palace will be held on Thursday next. These dances will take place every Thursday, during the season.

SUEZ CANAL.—On Friday 23rd inst. 11 vessels passed through the Canal, 5 of which were British, 1 German, 1 Dutch, 1 Egyptian, 1 Austrian, 2 Turkish. The receipts for the day were frs. 234,092.71, bringing the total amount received from the 1st inst. to frs. 7,862,426.46.

H. M. TRANSPORT "Assaye" (Capt. E. R. Dowell, R.N.R.), arrived at Port Said early yesterday morning from Bombay with 1,495 troops of all ranks on board. The officer commanding is Lieut.-Col. D. A. McFarlane, King's Own Scottish Borderers. The "Assaye" left for Southampton at 10 a.m.

SHEIKH BARGHOUT.—A sum of L.E. 150,000 is to be set apart in the coming year for the creation of a maritime terminus for the Suakin-Atbara railway at Suez. The name of the future greatest port in the Red Sea is to be changed, but what its official designation is to be has not yet been decided on.

SUPREME CONSULAR COURT.—No official announcement has yet been made as to who is to be the new judge of the Supreme Consular Court. Judge and Mrs. de Saunarez left Constantinople last week. On Friday week they held a largely-attended farewell reception at the British Hotel at Constantinople.

NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT.—A new branch of this bank will be opened at Port Said in the beginning of January. Mr. Pould, late manager at the agency at Medinet el-Fayoum, will take charge of the new branch. It is also intended to open other new agencies in the provinces, but the dates or places have not been finally decided on.

INSPECTIONS.—The G.O.C. will inspect the 2nd Co. R.E. at Kas-el-Nil, at 9 a.m. on the 5th January. The following are the probable dates of the G.O.C.'s inspection of the undermentioned units in Cairo:—9th January, A.S.C., 10th January, A.O.C.; 12th January, Det., 2nd Rifle Brigade; 16th January, R.A.; 23rd January, 2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

THE LATE MENSHAWI PASHA.—The Orwa el-Woska and the Customs Porters Benevolent Societies of Alexandria decided at a meeting held yesterday evening to organise a memorial service for the late Menshawi Pasha on Friday evening next at the Orwa el-Woska's offices. All the native and European notables will be invited to attend.

CHRISTMASIDE.—We have received from a Cairo correspondent, who signs himself "A Messianic Messenger," a letter referring to the first part of our leading article of Saturday. We regret that we cannot insert this religious controversy being one of those things we make it a rule never to encourage in our columns.

THE "TIMES OF EGYPT."—Hanna Bey Baoum, the well-known official of the Ministry of Justice, whose former connection with the Thewfikieh Company brought his name into prominence lately, has brought an action against the Editor of the defunct Times of Egypt, for having, he alleges, abused him near Pont Limoun. The case came before a petty native court in Cairo a few days ago. The further hearing of the case was postponed until next month.

Tewfik Palace Hotel, HELWAN.—The hall and dining-room of the Tewfik Palace Hotel were tastefully decorated with flags and flowers on Xmas day. For the dining-room, a miniature Khedivial yacht, made of sugar, and placed on a table, was effectively lit by electricity. The 203-metre hill was also ingeniously devised in the same way, and when the electric light was turned off and the expected plum pudding brought in ablaze a terrible explosion told the terrible tale of that fort. General Lance, who, with Mrs. Lance, is spending a second winter in the Tewfik Palace, in a graceful speech, proposed the health of Mr. Aquilina and his staff, to whose unflinching kindness and attention the Tewfik Palace was made such a pleasant hotel to be in. The toast was received with enthusiasm and Mr. Aquilina came forward and thanked General Lance and the visitors on behalf of the "chef," his staff, and himself, for the kind way in which the toast was received. A band played during the dinner, and Mr. Scott-Leslie gave one of his amusing entertainments in the hall afterwards.

BIG ALEXANDRIA FIRE.

WALKER AND MEIMARACHI'S STORES GUTTED.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

At an early hour this morning, a destructive fire broke out in the very heart of Alexandria. The scene of the conflagration was the Old Exchange Buildings (Palais de l'Ancienne Bourse). The north portion of the ground floor of this block of buildings is occupied by the editorial and printing offices of the Egyptian Gazette, the large store of Messrs. Walker and Meimarachi, Limited, is in the centre, while on the south side is the large and luxuriously appointed bar belonging to the same firm. The whole of the upper portion of the building is used as a cigarette factory, and belongs to Messrs. E. Laurens & Co., the manager of which firm is the owner of the building.

It is believed that the fire arose through the fusing of some electric wires affixed to the ceiling at the back of Messrs. Walker & Meimarachi's bar, where the grill is situated. Shortly before 2 o'clock, while the bar was still open, one of the employes saw that the ceiling in this part of the establishment was on fire. The habitués and bar tenders quickly evacuated the building, and by the time the Alexandria Fire Brigade made its appearance, the fire had gained great hold over the inflammable contents, and had spread to the bar. The flames leaped across the street, and if a strong wind had been blowing Saint Mark's Buildings would have caught fire, as well as the great pile of buildings which have been erected by Messrs. Allen and Alderson on the other side of Old Bourse-street. Fortunately the scaffolding around the latter building has recently been taken down. Otherwise it would inevitably have caught. Owing to the exertions of the Fire Brigade, under the command of Miralal Jopkinson Bay, Commandant of the Alexandria City Police, and of the superintendent of the Fire Brigade, Sagh. Lynn, the fire was prevented from spreading across the street, but it gained complete mastery over the bar, which was absolutely gutted. The fire made its way to the cigarette manufactory on the first floor, and dense volumes of smoke came from the upper windows, while it spread with equal swiftness to the grocery and provision stores in the centre on the ground floor. The entrances and windows of this store were broken into and the firemen poured an endless stream of water on the contents, which included a great supply of valuable Xmas and New Year presents. Almost all the goods were destroyed by the fire or rendered valueless by the water.

It is as yet impossible to determine the extent of the loss either in the case of the property of Messrs. Walker & Meimarachi or of Messrs. Laurens & Co. The fire was got well under control by 5 o'clock, and was successfully prevented from reaching our offices. Some idea of the fierceness of the flames may be gathered, however, when we state that Mr. Spathis's bar and Mr. Ipekian's cigarette stores opposite suffered. The frontage of the latter was almost totally destroyed by the heat acting on the woodwork and glass.

INSURANCE DETAILS.

The following details as to the insurance will be of interest. The figures are only approximate:—

The total amount of the building insurance is £25,000. The stock of Messrs. Laurens & Co. was insured for about £20,000 and the stock of Messrs. Walker and Meimarachi & Co. for about £10,000.

The following British insurance companies are affected:—  
Sun Insurance Office (Behrend) £ 3,500  
Queen Fire Office (Barker) " 5,000  
Guardian Insurance Co. (Hewat) " 1,250  
Yorkshire (Manley) " 2,500  
Palatine (Caver) " 2,500  
London Assurance Corporation (Bank of Egypt) " 2,500  
Northern (Imperial Ottoman Bank) " 2,500  
Commercial Union (Mohr and Fenderl) " 2,500

The French companies are:—  
L'Union (Sevastopoule) " 2,000  
Phoenix (Diab) " 8,200  
The only other foreign company affected is the Assicurazione Generale di Trieste (Stross) £2,000.

A meeting of the agents of the above companies will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Constantine Meimarachi arrived from Cairo by this morning's first express to personally inspect the damage done.

PILGRIMAGE.

Large numbers of foreign pilgrims arrive at Suez daily en route to Mecca. Owing to the cases of plague at Suez, they all have to be disinfected before embarking. The total number of Indian pilgrims who have arrived at Suez up to date is 240.

SAVOY SMALL DANCE.

The small dance at the Savoy Hotel on Xmas eve was well attended, and the restaurant was very full. Among the diners we noticed Hon. F. G. Morgan, with a party of 8, and Mrs. Webster, with another party of 8. Mr. Joseph Walton, M.P., was dining with Lord Edward Cecil and party. Mr. Peckham had a party of 5, including Mr. and Mrs. Scott-Dalglish. Dancing was kept up till midnight only, the next day being Xmas Day.

The restaurant was also full for supper, and we notice that these suppers are much in favor this year.

KAFR AMAR COLLISION.

A PASSENGER'S NARRATIVE.

Mr. D. K. Reid, of the firm of Reid and Barnard, writes to us on Xmas Day, from "between Assiout and Luxor," giving the following account of his experiences in the recent accident:

It has been my misfortune to have taken my part for a second time in an accident on the Egyptian State Railways. I was a passenger in the train which was thrown off the rails at Kafr Dawar three years ago, and I was again a passenger last night in the express "train de luxe" which was partially wrecked by a collision at Kafr Ammar. Our situation as passengers was precisely similar to that in which we found ourselves before, with the unfortunate difference that whereas on that occasion we had finished our dinner, we had on this occasion barely begun it, and the interruption was such as to preclude all possibility of continuing it.

Almost all the passengers, I think, were in the dining-car when the collision occurred. Fortunately they were few in number and only filled one half of it, for, as you know, it is divided into two compartments. Had the other half, that nearest to the kitchen, contained passengers, the results would have been very serious. As it was, of the three men who were at the moment either in this section of the car, or in the kitchen, one European waiter was badly cut and bruised; another was taken out with his leg broken and other injuries; and the native cook was so badly crushed that he died a few hours later. The shock of the collision was severe. The dining-car was only separated from the engine and tender by a brake and luggage van. This was driven right into the dining car, annihilating the kitchen and two-thirds of one section; the wreckage which it carried with it stopping within a few feet of the door leading into the other part where the passengers were seated.

None of the carriages which made up the train left the line, and though the lights in the dining-car were extinguished by the shock, there was little confusion, and beyond a few bruises no passenger received any injuries.

The position of the engines left no doubt as to how the accident occurred. They were locked together in close embrace as men who wrestle. For reasons no doubt good in themselves, the up train to Cairo was stationary at the Kafr Ammar platform on the down line. This appears to have either provoked the ire or appealed to the sporting instincts of the "train de luxe" mechanic, who, disregarding all signals to the contrary, made for the stationary train at a pace which I presume he considered necessary to effect its removal. The results, if not in precise accordance with his expectations, were sufficiently important to warrant his detention.

Everything possible was done for the comfort and convenience of travellers by the officials of the administration and the sleeping-car service; and a series of free meals was provided between Minieh and Luxor as compensation for the loss of the restaurant car dinner. At the same time I should like to appeal to the railway authorities to act with more despatch after such regrettable incidents, in forwarding passengers to their destinations. On this occasion an engine was on the spot soon after the accident, and it would have been the matter of an hour or two at most to have detached the uninjured carriages and sent them down to Ayat, where the 8 p.m. express from Cairo was in waiting and together with the sleeping car could have been made up into one train—necessarily with two engines—and sent on its way to Luxor. This was in fact the course adopted; unfortunately it was thought necessary to maintain the uninjured cars in situ until the arrival of railway officials from Cairo, with the result that a delay which should have been of two hours was prolonged into one of eight. I should not have called attention to this, had I not a vivid recollection of a similar delay which followed the Kafr Dawar accident, when within a few miles of Alexandria we were left for five hours, bereft of food and drink, to the tender mercies of the mosquitoes which infest that neighbourhood.

BALTIC FLEET.

It is stated that the third division of the Baltic Fleet is due to arrive at Port Said on or about the 31st inst.

CAIRO FETE COMMITTEE.

In our recent issues we have published some very interesting details on the subject of the Fete Committee for Cairo. The idea is a good one and we are glad to see that the scheme, which we have advocated for years past, has at last taken definite shape. With such names as those of Maitre Carton de Wiart, Major Kanney-Herbert, M. Cattatoui, the Hon. F. C. Morgan, Mr. Chas. Baehler, Nungovich Bey, Omar Bey Sultan, and Mr. Aspinall, we have no doubt that the efforts of the committee will meet with every success, provided that the public show some response in backing them up. The expenses will, of course, be considerable and we believe that it is estimated that over £3,000 will have to be spent this season. The committee have decided to issue posters every month giving a list of the fetes which are to take place, and handbills will also be distributed throughout the hotels and leading resorts. The committee will also institute various forms of amusement and entertainment for our visitors and we shall be glad to aid as much as lies in our power towards the successful attainment of such a scheme. That something in this line can be done was evidenced by the great success that attended the bataille de fleurs which was held in the grounds of the Ghezireh Casino last March by a small committee of local notabilities.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CAIRO.

The Christmas services at All Saints' Church were numerous attended. The Holy Communion was celebrated four times, at 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m., 8.30 a.m., and after morning service. The number of communicants at the three celebrations was 254. The services were conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Butcher, D.D., Rev. Thompson Burns, M.A., and Rev. Douglas Thornton, M.A. The Dean took his text from Phil. 2.8 and pressed upon his hearers the truth that as Christ took our nature upon Him so that He might experience the trials of humanity, so we should put ourselves in other people's places and try to understand them. He urged on all the Christmas duties of reconciliation and forgiveness of injuries.

The musical part of the service, directed by Mr. Peacock, was, as usual, admirable. The fine anthem, "In the beginning was the Word," by Allen, was given with precision and effect. The solo, "Full of grace are thy lips," was beautifully sung. The Te Deum was by Berthold Tours, the Jubilate by Haydn. The service began with Hymn No. 61, "Christians Awake," and Hymn No. 60, "Hark the Herald Angels" (not according to the revised version of Hymns A. and M.) was sung while the offertory was being collected.

In the evening there was no sermon, but two carols, "Twas in Winter cold" and "Sleep! Holy Babe," were sung by the choir. The collections amounted to £42.14s. 0.

The decorators of the church relied for their effects on the graceful palms marking out the lines of architecture, and on a gorgeous profusion of poinsettias in the chancel.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CAIRO.

On Sunday last Christmas services were held in this church morning and evening, the officiating clergyman on both occasions being the Rev. A. C. W. Saunders, resident Scottish chaplain. Through the kindness of members of the congregation and others, the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and flowers. At the morning service there was a large congregation, who joined heartily in the singing, which included the well-known Christmas hymns "O come all ye faithful" and "Hark the herald angels sing." Mr. Saunders took as his text Revelation 3, 14, "The Beginning of the creation of God." There were, he said, two creations, the old and the new; and as the Pre-Incarnate think the Eternal Word was the beginning of the one, so was the Incarnate Christ the beginning of the other. When man had fallen, it was God's purpose to restore the Divine Image in him and re-create him after a new pattern. This He did by infusing into him a new life from a new source. And the new source was the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The work of the new creation began on the day when the Son of God assumed our flesh. Christ took our nature that He might transform it anew, that He might enliven it with His perfect life, Human and Divine. Christmas was thus the festival of the beginning of God's new creation. They celebrated this day the birthday of one who ushered in a new era in the history of the Universe. They kept Christmas as a memorial that God had stooped to be born after the flesh in order that man might be born anew of the Spirit.—A celebration of Holy Communion followed, at which between 20 and 40 received the Sacrament.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, RAMLIEH.

The services throughout the day were well attended. At 11 a.m. the church was crowded to overflowing and additional chairs had to be fetched. The early celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. were taken by the Chaplain, Canon Ward. The other services were conducted by the Rev. R. F. Rynd, B.A., assistant chaplain. The offerings for the day amounted to P.T. 92 and the communicants numbered 74. Both at the morning and evening services a selection of carols was sung by the choir.

The church was very prettily decorated by the following ladies: Miss Alderson, Miss Atkin, Mrs. P. W. Carver, Miss Carver, Miss Charteris, Miss Harbord, Miss Hawkins, Miss Miles, Miss Moss, Miss Todd, and Mrs. W. R. Williams. A plentiful supply of flowers and plants was sent by Mrs. Allen, Miss Atkin, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. S. H. Carver, Mrs. P. W. Carver, Miss Charteris, Mrs. Doring, Mrs. F. Haselden, Mrs. R. J. Moss, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Ruffer, Judge Sanders, and Mrs. G. A. Williams.

XMAS TREE AT SUEZ.

Suez, Monday.—The members of the Cercle International at Port Tewfik (Suez) entertained about 300 children yesterday afternoon. Dancing began at 3 p.m., and was kept up to 5 o'clock, when refreshments were taken to the children. Shortly after they were offered to a beautifully decorated Xmas tree, illuminated with electric lights, in the large dancing-room of the club, and pretty presents were distributed to the children. The band played the whole time, which greatly contributed to the success of the entertainment.

CAIRO TRAMWAY COMPANY.—The well-known Belgian financier and the Chairman of the Board of the Cairo Tramway Company, M. Edouard Empain, is expected to arrive in Egypt from Europe this week. During his stay here, which will last about two months, he will confer with the Egyptian Government on a number of projects in connection with the development of the Cairo Tramway Company. Mr. Empain will stay at Sheppard's Hotel, where a large suite has been reserved for him.

NOTES FROM SUAKIN.

Suakin, Dec. 16.

The Queen's birthday was officially celebrated here on the 1st inst. and at midday a salute of 21 guns was fired from shore in honor of the occasion. Flags were flying over all the principal buildings, as well as on board H. M. S. "Sealark" and S.G.S. Mukhbir.

The Beyram holidays commenced on the 8th inst. In the morning, H. E. the Mudir of Suakin, Miralaj Howard Bey, held an official reception, which was attended by all the Army officers and Government officials, the notables, clergy, representatives of banks, shipping agents, and all the principal European and native merchants. After the reception Howard Bey inspected the guard of honor furnished by the 3rd Battalion A.A. and three cheers were given by the troops for H.H. the Khedive. In the afternoon a football match took place outside the Suakin gates.

On the 9th and 10th athletic sports took place and proved to be very successful. The greasy pole event was the most amusing one, as about 100 natives tried to walk on the pole to reach the leg of mutton which was suspended at the end, those that failed falling in the water. The members of the committee took their stand on the verandah of the new residence of Kaimakam Drury Bey, the controller of Sudan ports. The latter was unable to take an active share in the organisation, owing to his being laid up with his old complaint, rheumatic gout, which he contracted whilst cutting the sudd on the Upper Nile. He, however, managed to view the sports ensconced in an armchair on his verandah. The men of H.M.S. "Sealark" could not take part in the sports as the vessel put to sea on the 6th inst. for surveying work round Sheikh Barghout. She returned to Suakin on the 14th inst.

The Sudan Government Port Tug "Hawks" arrived here from Suez (where she had been in dry-dock) on the 10th inst. Mr. Lessons, late chief storekeeper, Suakin-Atbara Railways, arrived by the "Hawks," having been in Europe on leave of absence for four months.

The Khedivial mail steamer "Rahmanieh" arrived here from Suez on the 12th inst. and the following 1st-class passengers landed here: El Bimbashi Spencer, Inspector, Suakin Mudir; El Bimbashi Cox, commanding half of the 3rd Battalion E.A., stationed here; Mr. Urquhart, engineer-contractor for the bridges of the Suakin-Atbara Railways, accompanied by his principal engineers, Messrs. Mamprese and Felice, and a great number of European and native workmen from Egypt. He brought also a large consignment of material and tools for making the bridges and about half a ton of dynamite to be used in the quarries. Mr. Urquhart is well-known in Egypt and the Sudan, as he has carried out several works in Khartoum for the Sudan Public Works Dept., and several works were executed by him in connection with the Assouan Reservoir. Until the iron bridges are erected the Sudan Government Railways are making temporary wooden bridges under the supervision of Bimbashi Sowerby, R.E., Chief Engineer of Ways and Works, assisted by Mr. Bailly, head foreman of works, Suakin-Atbara Railways, who may probably have to go on the line shortly to erect the temporary bridges now under construction.

SEAMEN'S HOME.

The concert at the Seamen's Home on the 23rd inst., of the benefit for the sailors in port, was one of the most enjoyable evening entertainments given there for some time. The hall was simply packed, and the thanks of all present are due to the host and hostesses, Admiral Sir Massie and Lady Blomfield, as also to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly helped with the musical portion. A capital programme was provided, and the hearty applause and recalls testified to its appreciation by the audience. Mr. Hugh Blomfield opened with a couple of violin solos (a) Berceuse (b) Perpetuo Mobile, rendered in quite a masterly manner. Miss Cohn then sang with much taste "The sweetest girl in Dixie," Mr. Nixon following with a capital rendering of "The Outpost's Vigil," and as an encore he gave "Will o' the Wisp." Some selections from the "Cingalee" were next given. The very pretty quartette, "Spite of all that Lovers do," sung by Lady Blomfield, Miss MunGavin, and Messrs. Nixon and Purvis, well deserved its encore, as also Mr. Byrne's Cingalee and Mr. Hugh Blomfield's clever impersonation of Chumbuddy Ram in the comic songs "That's all right" and "The Wonderful English Pot," which brought the first part of the entertainment to a close amidst peals of laughter.

Refreshments were passed round during the interval, and the second part of the concert commenced with a piano solo, a selection from "The Belle of New York," played by Miss Cohn in a spirited manner. The great feature of the evening's entertainment now followed, being selected parts of the comic opera "San Toy," as played some months back at the Abbas Helmy Theatre; i.e., 1. "A posy from over the sea" (Poppy), 2. quartet and dance, "Pyn Ka Pong" (Poppy, Dudley, Tucker, and Li), 3. duet, "When we are wed," (Poppy and Fo Hop), 4. duet and dance, "Samee Gamee" (Dudley and Li), 5. song and dance, "Pretty Little Chinese" (Dudley and Li), 6. Song, "Me gettee out welly quick" (Li). The following was the dramatic persons: Poppy, Miss MunGavin; Dudley, Mrs. Baylis; Lieut. Harvey Tucker and Fo Hop, Mr. Byrne; Li, Mr. Hugh Blomfield. Each of these selections was encored and Poppy, Dudley, Lieut. Harvey Tucker, Fo Hop, and last, but not least Li, may congratulate themselves that they contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of the evening. The piano accompaniments were kindly undertaken by Lady Blomfield, Mrs. MunGavin, and Mrs. Baylis. The entertainment closed with "God Save the King," but prior to dispersing lusty cheers were given for Sir Massie and Lady Blomfield, and an extra one for those who assisted.

THE NEW SUEZ CANAL PROJECT. THE CONTENTIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE.

LONDON, Dec. 19th. It is an open secret that the Foreign Office is no more enamoured of the new Suez Canal project than it was of the proposal in 1883...

The Suez Canal Company is not disposed to say anything with regard to the complaints which Sir Theodore Angier says are the cause of the scheme being revived. It is asserted, however, that the changes can be controverted if any real necessity for their disposal arises.

It is pointed out, on the other hand, that this version does not accurately represent the terms of the agreement, which, it is said, took the form of an amicable arrangement and not of a contract, and was concluded on the understanding that if it were found to work unsatisfactorily it could be altered.

The opposition maintain their view, and intend to bring all the pressure to bear they possibly can in order to induce the Suez Canal directors to redress their grievances.

THE PRICE OF EGYPTIAN COTTON.

A SUGGESTION FROM FRANCE.

The following letter from a very large French spinner is sent us by a firm of cotton brokers at Liverpool to whom it has been addressed.

"My opinion is that Egyptian cotton is in the hands of speculators, and that, whatever happens, it cannot maintain its price. Now, the question is—When will the decline come? In any case the spinner cannot go on paying present prices; it would mean laying in stocks at a great loss, because the use of Egyptian cotton yarn is going to be very much restricted.

The interest for the spinner would therefore be to commence short time at once, and work only four days a week for two months. The mere announcement of such a decision would certainly have the effect of bringing down prices of Egyptian as compared with those of American. It is, in fact, only makers of sewing cotton who can pay high prices; manufacturers of cloth will not. As regards mercerised goods, they are quite out of fashion in America, and very likely the same thing will occur in England and on the Continent.

BULLETIN DE LA BOURSE

(Aujourd'hui à midi et demi) Au lieu d'une accentuation de la baisse, comme beaucoup le redoutaient, nous avons eu après Noël une bonne reprise sur la plupart des valeurs.

La Banque Nationale passe de 21 3/4 à 22 1/2, l'Agricole de 9 3/8 à 9 1/16, la Dana de 21 1/16 à 21 1/4, la Crown Brewery de 214 à 224, la Sait and Soda de 35 à 37/9, la Banque d'Athènes de 113 à 117 1/2, la Nungöwisch de 9 à 9 1/16, l'Anglo-American Nile de 4 5/8 à 4 3/4, les Eaux du Caire de 990 à 1010, la Delta de 13 7/8 à 14 1/16, et la Ramleh Railway de 7 3/4 à 7 7/8.

Les Marchés se maintiennent de 31/9 à 22 et la Delta Land de 3 1/2 à 3 15/16. On ne s'attend pas, du moins pour le moment, à ce que la reprise s'accroisse beaucoup, c'est déjà fort bon d'avoir obtenu les excellents résultats de ce matin.

The Egyptian Delta Light Railways, Limited.

DIVIDEND WARRANT No. 14. BEARER WARRANT COUPON No. 11.

A Dividend at the rate of 3% for the half-year ended 30th September 1904 (subject to Income Tax) on the preference Shares Capital will be payable on and after the 23rd December 1904 at the National Bank of Egypt, London or Cairo and Alexandria, at the current rate of exchange.

Registered Share Dividend Warrants will be posted on 23rd December 1904. 25117-3-2

CREDIT FONCIER EGYPTIEN

Messieurs les Actionnaires sont convoqués à l'Assemblée Générale Ordinaire qui aura lieu le mardi 31 Janvier 1905 à 8 heures de l'après-midi, au Siège Social au Caire.

Ordre du Jour: 1° Lecture du Rapport du Conseil d'Administration sur les Affaires sociales; 2° Lecture du Rapport des Censeurs; 3° Approbation des Comptes et fixation du dividende pour l'exercice 1904; 4° Nomination d'Administrateurs; 5° Nomination de deux Censeurs pour l'exercice 1905.

Tout porteur de 50 actions a le droit d'assister à l'Assemblée Générale et conformément à l'article 28 des Statuts les Actions devront être déposées: En Egypte au plus tard le 30 Janvier 1905. En Europe au plus tard le 15 Janvier 1905.

Les dépôts seront reçus: Au Caire, au Siège Social; A Alexandrie, au Crédit Lyonnais; En Europe, à la Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, à l'Crédit Lyonnais, à la Société Générale, au Comptoir National d'Escompte, à la Société Générale de Crédit Industriel et Commercial.

25055-6-2

SOCIETE ANONYME Agricole et Industrielle d'Egypte

Emission de 5,000 Actions nouvelles D'une valeur nominale de 500 francs.

Conformément aux décisions prises par l'Assemblée Générale Extraordinaire du 12 Novembre 1904 et par le Conseil d'Administration de la Société en séance du 12 Novembre 1904.

Conditions de l'émission: L'émission des nouvelles actions a lieu au pair. Elles participent à l'excédent commençant le 1er février 1905 et se terminant le 31 Janvier 1906.

Les actions souscrites seront libérées au fur et à mesure de 500 francs, lequel devra être effectué au plus tard le 15 Janvier 1905.

Droit de souscription: La présente souscription est exclusivement réservée aux porteurs de 15,000 actions de capital existantes. Le droit de souscription est appelé à s'exercer dans la proportion d'un nouveau titre pour trois anciens. Les actionnaires qui voudront exercer leur droit de préférence à la souscription devront déposer leurs actions anciennes à l'un des établissements ci-dessous désignés avec le bordereau annexé au bulletin de souscription.

Les souscriptions seront reçues jusqu'au 31 Décembre 1904 à 4 heures.

Au Caire: au Siège social, Sherif el-Saba, maison Fakhia Faoua et à l'Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd. A Alexandrie: A l'Anglo-Egyptian Bank Ltd. 25027-3-3

FOR IMMEDIATE SALE.

EITHER BY PRIVATE TREATY OR PUBLIC AUCTION.

OIL ENGINES, nominal 6 B. H. P., and ICE MAKING MACHINES, imported from England in 1900. The former, though running every day, is in excellent working order; the latter, which has been very little used, is on the ammonia compression system, and has a capacity of 150 kilos in nine hours. The two machines are fully equipped, and can be inspected any day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

AN IMMEDIATE SALE IS NECESSARY, THE FIRST REASONABLE OFFER WILL BE ACCEPTED. TERMS.—Cash. Purchaser to remove everything within 14 days. 25119-6-2 Apply, G. Barry & Co. Suez.

Eastern Telegraph Coy., Ltd.

AVERAGE TIME occupied in transmission of Egyptian telegrams from England to Alexandria on Monday, 26th December, 1904.

OUTWARDS. Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Cairo time)

Table with columns: FROM, The Company's Office, Postal Office, H. M., H. M.

Calendar of Coming Events

ALEXANDRIA.

December. Tues 27 Zinzia Theatre No performance 9 p.m. Abbas Helmy Theatre. Soiree Italian opera company in Girafa Girafa 9 p.m. Alhambra Theatre. Ballet and Variety Company 9 p.m.

CAIRO.

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January. Jan. 1 Zoological Gardens. Performance by Band of E. A. Infantry in afternoon. Mon. 2 Sheppard's Hotel. Small Dance. 10 p.m. Fri. 6 Mens House. Gymkhana. Sat. 8 Review of troops by H.H. the Khedive. Thurs. 29 Helmholtz and Football. Khedivial v. Tewfikieh Footballs. 6.30 p.m. Tues. 31 Crédit Foncier Egyptian. Meeting of Shareholders. 8 p.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

OBSERVATIONS BY SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

Table with columns: Direction of wind, Force, State of sky, Rain, etc. for Alexandria.

OTHER STATIONS.

Table with columns: Station, Max. temp., Min. temp., etc.

PORT HARBOR STATIONS.

Table with columns: Station, Barom., Wind, Temp., State of sea.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Table with columns: Dec. 7 New Moon, 15 Full Moon, etc.

EXPORT MANIFESTS.

For LIVERPOOL, by the S.S. Philae, sailed on the 15th December: Peel & Co., 265 bales cotton; F. Andros, 800 "

For PORT SAID and SYRIA, by the S.S. Mariout, sailed on the 17th December: Vardos, 1,195 bags rice, 161 bags Sudan beans, 504 bags coffee, 17 bags honey, 30 bales bread, 27 empty barrels, 80 packages mats, 112 packages tobacco, 20 packages skins, 60 packages garbs, 2,984 packages sundries.

For CANDEL, par le bateau hell. Byzantion, parti le 17 décembre: Divers, 280 sacs riz, 45 sacs fèves du Soudan, 5 sacs fèves, 268 barils vidés, 61 colis peaux, 81 colis dattes, 84 colis divers.

For TEBELIZONDE, par le bateau ott. Alcadros, parti le 17 décembre: Divers, 280 sacs riz, 85 colis peaux, 16 colis sembla vides, 120 colis divers.

STOCKS AND SHARES

Closing Prices, to-day at 1 p.m.

Table with columns: Shares, BANKS, Debetures, National Bank of Egypt, etc.

LAND, &c.

Table with columns: L.E. 49 1/2, Behem Company, Egyptian Delta Land, etc.

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL

Table with columns: L.E. 80, Anglo-Egyptian Spinning Co., Bourse Khediviale, etc.

For MARSEILLE, par le bateau franç. Niger, parti le 16 décembre:

Table with columns: B. Tilche, 104 sacs fèves; A. Gasser, 16 balles sacs vides; etc.

NAVIGATION & WATER WORKS.

Anglo-Amér. Nile & Co., 4 3/4; Khedivial Mail S.S. Co. (Co. Suda.), 18; Alex. Water Company, 18; Cairo, 660; Tanta, 18.

RAILWAYS & TRAMWAYS

Basel Egypte, 135; Delta Light, 108; do do Def., 15 1/2; Cairo-Helwan, 97; Fayoum, 108; Kenah-Assouan, 108; Alexandria France, 480; do do Fonda, 845.

POUR DESTINATIONS DIVERSES

G. Franger & Co., 126 balles coton (Havre); G. Franger & Co., 50 balles coton (Barron); C. G. Bolcani, 20 barils cognac (Londres); B. Barki, 40 balles henné; V. N-hman, 78 balles henné; Divers, 4 colis divers.

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GRAINES DE FROMENT: Disponibles: 10,400; Tiers: 10,400; Total: 20,800. GRAINES DE SEIGLE: Disponibles: 10,400; Tiers: 10,400; Total: 20,800.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

THE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.

Sir,—In your leading article on the 22nd inst. in reference to the above subject you did me the honour to refer to a short and somewhat meagre paper of mine, which you quoted from the Journal of the British Chamber of Commerce in Egypt.

This sensible remark of yours seems to go to the root of the whole matter. I do not pretend to be an authority on maritime opinion, nor, to the best of my recollection, am I aware that any such authority has ever been consulted with reference to the inner harbour of Alexandria, or if he was, it is only too evident that his advice was never carried out.

Every one admits that the breakwater of the outer harbour is a fine work, both in its conception and execution; the inner harbour has well-built quays which reflect much credit both on the resident engineer and contractors, but it only requires little more than a superficial knowledge of such matters to recognise that it was not designed by the hand of a master. I do not hesitate to say that had this been done by either of the four or five engineers who were at that time the recognised leaders in this branch of their profession, the result would have been very different.

I was for a short time an assistant engineer on the staff of one of these gentlemen, the late Sir John Cooke, then Engineer-in-Chief for the Portland breakwater, one of the finest works of the kind ever carried out, and several other harbours, both on the English coast and abroad. For several years after I left his service, I watched his work with interest, and I feel sure that if the Egyptian Government had then consulted him and carried out his advice, the inner harbour would have been much more useful than it now is.

When one reflects on the way in which work was done in Ismail Pasha's time, it is wonderful that the harbour should be so good as it is. I will give an instance which came under my personal observation in 1872.

Previous to 1869, Ismail Pasha had three sugar factories which brought him in a considerable revenue. With more haste than discretion, he ordered, at the same time, ten more factories larger than the other; he paid liberally for them, but gave their makers so little time to complete them under heavy penalty, that they had hardly any opportunity of studying their details to the best advantage.

The foundations and buildings were begun in such a hurry, under the Khedive's personal directions, that little regard was paid to future requirements, and it was not astonishing that the result was unsatisfactory. Ismail Pasha had in his service engineers who gave him good advice as to requisite improvements, but he thought he would go one better, and brought out from England, at great expense, a Commission consisting of three members, each of whom was eminent in his particular sphere; they knew a great deal about many things, but unfortunately nothing about sugar factories.

No doubt many circumstances contributed to the ill-success of the scheme, but I believe that the above incident marked the parting of the ways between success and failure, of what might otherwise have been a prosperous undertaking. But misfortune followed it still further. It was decided to sell several of the factories, but only one of them was sold at a fairly good price, and the Egyptian Government rather unfortunately undertook to deliver it at Mauritius. They wanted to do it as cheaply as possible, and sent the principal parts in one of their own ships, an old one, not I believe very seaworthy; at all events she sunk in the Red Sea, and it was only after the

cargo was entirely lost they found out that someone had forgotten to insure it! This digression is only intended to remind your readers, that money was not always well spent in Egypt in those days.

If I have ventured to make some slight criticisms on the design of some parts of the harbour of Alexandria, I hasten to say how vast an improvement it was on anything which existed here before, and it is undoubtedly one of the finest relics of an extravagant age.

I am, etc., J. R. CORNHIS. Alexandria, 24th December.

ANGLO-AMERICAN HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE. Sir,—As an old resident I consider your strictures on the Anglo-American community as regards their financial support of the above institution as uncalled for as was the institution itself. It was not wanted and, as has been proved, was not required. There were other hospitals already in existence on which the money collected would have been far better spent.

I am, etc., "MEDICO." Cairo, December 25.

ARMY AND NAVY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

London, December 17. The Admiralty has placed the armoured cruiser "Essex" (Captain R. B. Farquhar) at the disposal of Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., who, in discharge of his duties as Inspector-General of His Majesty's Army, will leave England early in the New Year to inspect the garrisons of Gibraltar, Malta, and Egypt. The Duke will be accompanied by the Duchess and his staff. Next month the "Essex" will be taken in hand at Portsmouth for the reception of the Duke and Duchess and their respective suites.

It seems that the Army Council has thought better of it, and the 56th Battery R. F. A. will remain for the present at Cairo. Amongst the best known military experts the reduction of the army of occupation—particularly the cavalry arm—in Egypt is greatly deprecated.

Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Fergusson, D.S.O., Grenadier Guards, late Adjutant-General at Cairo, has been formally promoted lieutenant-colonel commanding the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards at Alershot.

The order for Captain E. H. Llewellyn, Royal Artillery, to revert to regimental duty with the 1st Battalion at Derry, has been cancelled, and he will be employed for another term of service with the King's African Rifles. He was lately adjutant and quartermaster of the disbanded 2nd (Central Africa) Battalion.

It is understood that the sum of £2,500,000 is to be spent in re-arming our horse and field batteries with the new guns at home and abroad. The manufacture of the 12 and 18 pounders will be divided between the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, Sir William Armstrong and Co., and Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim.

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A Letter From Congressman White, of North Carolina.



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SPORT AND PLAY.

RACING.

HELOUAN FIRST WINTER MEETING.

The following is the programme of, and the entries for the races to be held at Helouan on Saturday, 31st inst., at 2 p.m., under the rules and co-operation of the Khedivial Sporting Club:—

FIRST RACE, 2 p.m.

CRITERION STAKES: of P.T. 2,500, 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T. 800 and 3rd P.T. 200. For maiden Arab ponies that have never won a race of any description or value. Weight for age and inches. Distance 5 furlongs. Entrance P.T. 200. Entries:—Sihame, Miasser, Fahr, Soldat, Mamdook, Inspector.

SECOND RACE, 2.30 p.m.

MAIDEN GALLOWAY: of P.T. 2,500, 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T. 800 and 3rd P.T. 200. For maiden Arab galloways. Weight for age and inches; winners of a race of any description of the advertised value of P.T. 2,000, 7 lbs. extra. Distance 3/4 mile. Entrance P.T. 200. Entries:—Rainbow, Macdonald, Seyad II, Toga.

THIRD RACE, 3 p.m.

SAHARA STAKES: of P.T. 13,000, 2nd horse to receive P.T. 2,000 and 3rd horse P.T. 1,000 out of the stakes. For maiden (at nomination) Arab ponies. Weight for age and inches with penalties, reduced 7 lbs. Distance 7 furlongs. Entry by subscription and nomination as follows:—Subscription on 1st June, 1904, P.T. 200, with P.T. 200 on nomination on 1st October, 1904, and with a further charge of P.T. 200 if left in after the 1st of December 1904. Unless 20 subscriptions are received the race will not be considered to have filled.

N.B. This race, having been published before the revision of the Khedivial Sporting Club Rules, will be run under the old scale of weights.

Entries:—Sakaf, Kohelan Tair, Munir, Abou Arkoub, Ribico, Aelous, Gossa, Selim, Nimrod, Game Chicken, a Firefly, Roland, Peacock, Jean, Sattam, Fantasia.

FOURTH RACE, 3.30 p.m.

DESERT HANDICAP: of P.T. 8,000, 2nd horse to receive P.T. 1,000 and 3rd horse P.T. 500 out of the stakes. For Arab horses. Top-weight not to exceed 11st. Distance 1 1/4 miles. Entrance on 1st October, 1904, P.T. 400, on 1st December, 1904, when the race closes, P.T. 600. Unless 10 entries are received the race will not be considered to have filled.

Entries:—Royalist, Saubi, Sabian, Shewman, Mizzaud.

FIFTH RACE, 4 p.m.

TRIAL PLATE: of P.T. 2,500, 1st horse to receive P.T. 2,000, 2nd P.T. 800 and 3rd P.T. 200. For maiden Arab horses that have never won a race of the advertised value of P.T. 1,000 or more. Weight for age. Galloways allowed 4 lbs. Distance 1/2 mile. Entrance P.T. 200. Entries:—Sihame, Miasser, Macdonald, Fahr, Naps; Soldat, Aelous, Gordins, Magnoon, Don Quichotte, Fil-de-Fer (late Husko).

SIXTH RACE, 4.30 p.m.

CONSOLATION STAKES: of P.T. 1,300, First horse to receive P.T. 1,000, second P.T. 200

and third P.T. 100. For all beaten horses. Catch weights; over 11st. for horses, 10st. 10 lbs. for galloways, 10st. for ponies. Distance about 1/2 mile. Entrance P.T. 100. Entries close 5 minutes after the 5th race.

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